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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Device for the fastening of façade plates (2) with a threaded bar (4) extending from a holding element (3),
wherein, on its first end (E1) located near the threaded bar (4), the holding element (3) has an annular space (6) with a wall made of an elastic material (10),
wherein a channel (7) extends from the annular space (6) to a second end (E2) at a distance from the threaded bar (4),
and wherein a valve (8) is provided on the second end (E2) with which valve the channel (7) can be closed.
2. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1, wherein the holding element (3) has a larger diameter on the second end (E2) than on the first second end (E2).
3. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the holding element (3) tapers conically from the second end (E2) to the first end (E1).
4. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the holding element (3) is one-piece and made of plastic.
5. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the annular space (6) has a radially surrounding recess on the first end (E1).
6. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein an elastic tube (10) is located on the holding element (3).

7. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the elastic tube (10), preferably made of silicon, forms the wall of the annular space (6).
8. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the elastic tube (10) extends essentially over the entire axial length of the holding element (3).
9. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein the elastic tube (10) is fastened on a flange (9) located on the first end (E1) of the holding element (3) via a mounting element (11), preferably a tube binder.
10. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein an undercut projection (15) is provided on the second end (E2).
11. (Currently Amended) Device as defined in claim 1one of the preceding claims, wherein a centrical recess is provided on the second end (E2).
12. (Currently Amended) Method of fastening façade plates (2) using the device as defined in one of the preceding claims, with the following steps:
- a) Make a bored hold (12, 5) extending into a supporting wall and reaching through the façade plate (2).
 - b) Widen the radius of the reach-through bored hole (12) reaching through the façade plate (2) in the vicinity of a visible side of the façade plate (2),
 - c) Install a dowel (13) in the bored hole (5) made in the supporting wall (2) using a hardenable mass (14),
 - d) Insert the threaded bar (4) into the dowel (13) so that the holding element (3) lies on the inner circumference of the reach-through bored hole (12),
 - e) Screw in the device and mount to the façade plate (2),

f) Inject a viscoplastic hardenable mass (16) via the valve (8) so that the wall (10) surrounding the annular space (6) is widened and the holding element (3) is thereby held in the reach-through bored hole (12).

13. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in claim 12, wherein the radius of the reach-through bored hole (12) is conically widened.
14. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in claim one of the claims 12 or 13, wherein an epoxy resin is used as the viscoplastic hardenable mass (16).
15. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in claim one of the claims 12 to 14, wherein an opening of the reach-through bored hole (12) remaining on the visible side of the façade plate (2) is closed after the hardening of the viscoplastic hardenable mass (16).
16. (Currently Amended) Method as defined in claim one of the claims 12 to 15, wherein the opening is closed with a cover or a mass (17) containing a binding agent.